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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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### **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** **under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) an extension for reply within the third month after the shortened statutory period for filing a reply to the Office action in the patent application identified above.

Accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper is an authorization to charge to a credit card the \$1,020 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for reply within the third month, minus \$120. Applicant already paid the \$120 fee in a petition for extension of time for reply within the first month, filed February 28, 2006. The accompanying credit-card charge authorization is for the \$900 fee thus due.

Respectfully submitted,

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